

Daily Telegraph



HARRISBURG, PA.

Wednesday Evening, December 17, 1862.

DISAPPOINTED.

The Patriot this morning endeavors to create some sort of an impression in regard to what it calls "lies," but its paragraphs are so muddled with chagrin and disappointment, because Burnside and his army were not annihilated, that nothing intelligible can be made of its ravings.

Another fact hurt the feelings of the Patriot. It was that Burnside had punished the rebels severely as they attempted to obstruct his passage over the river.

We mourned when the announcement was made that disaster had overtaken Burnside. In the midst of the news of that disaster, the Patriot and its hounds showed their teeth with ill-concealed rejoicing at the fact.

As to the display of news on our bulletin board, we place there only such as is received by telegraph. It is our business to give the public the news, whether it is favorable or unfavorable to our glorious cause.

GEN. BURNSIDE SUCCESSFUL - THE MOST BRILLIANT MOVEMENT OF THE WAR.

Since the clouds which lowered over the loyal cause have been scattered, and since we are able to take a calm view of the position of the two armies near Fredericksburg, we are prepared to pronounce the movement of Gen. Burnside, the most brilliant reconnoissance in force of the entire war.

It must be borne in mind that Burnside is not to operate alone against the army of traitors commanded by Lee, Jackson, Longstreet and Hill, now in his front.

begin to be struck, we do not know which of the two, the traitors of the South or the dough-faces of the North, will be most astonished.

FINANCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH. We are indebted to Auditor General Cochran for the following exhibit of the condition of the finances of the state of Pennsylvania.

Table with columns for various financial items and their amounts, including Lands, Auction Commissions, Tax on bank dividends, etc.

Summary of the Receipts of the State Treasury from the 1st day of December, 1861, to the 30th day of November, 1862, both days inclusive.

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Report of the Revenue Commissioners.

APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO PREPARE A REVISED REVENUE CODE, UNDER A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE, APPROVED APRIL 11, 1862.

The Commissioners appointed by the Governor, in pursuance of the authority of the joint resolution of the Legislature, passed the 11th day of April, 1862, "relative to revising the revenue laws of the Commonwealth," respectfully submitted their report.

It is presented that the Legislature, by the resolution authorizing the commission, contemplated such action on the part of the commissioners as would lead to a new system for levying and collecting taxes, and at the same time establish a more equitable distribution of the burthens of taxation.

The proposed mode of assessing property is analogous to the systems adopted in several of the other States, and experience has demonstrated its utility and its popularity.

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agency can be ascertained, certain or reliable. Therefore, as a matter of justice to the people, economy and consistency, the board of revenue commissioners should be abolished.

There are other features in the proposed revenue system that might be noticed, but an examination of the bill itself will give a better idea of their character than any reference here.

CHANGES IN THE CABINET. A telegraphic dispatch from Washington announces that the Hon. Caleb B. Smith, present Secretary of the Interior, has been nominated by President Lincoln to the United States Senate for the vacant seat in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Evacuation of Fredericksburg. FULL PARTICULARS OF THE AFFAIR. NOT A SINGLE MAN OR GUN LOST IN THE MOVEMENT.

The Enemy Not Aware of the Evacuation Until it was Accomplished. WHY GENERAL BURNSIDE RETIRED.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, December 17. Yesterday morning when daylight appeared the enemy seemed to be, as they no doubt were, perfectly astonished that our army had succeeded in returning to this side of the Rappahannock.

We returned without losing a single man or a gun in the retrograde movement. A few soldiers who had straggled off made their way to the river bank after the pickets had been removed, but they were brought over in small boats.

At about nine o'clock yesterday morning, the enemy advanced their skirmishers along the entire line, and by noon had established their pickets near the river bank.

At about ten or eleven o'clock, females neatly dressed were seen walking the streets of Fredericksburg. They were doubtless being concealed in their houses during the time the city was occupied by our troops, and had availed themselves of the first opportunity to make their reappearance.

On Monday the pickets in front of the left wing agreed upon an armistice among themselves and freely intermingled, exchanging their dead comrades who lay on neutral ground during the time.

After the general had left, the friendly relations of the pickets were renewed, and butternut and blue uniforms freely mingled.

During the flag of truce, Gen. Stewart of the rebel army, in answer to a question, stated that the Banks' expedition had gone south, but he did not seem to know exactly where.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Dec. 16, 1862 - 6 o'clock p. m. MAJOR GENERAL HALLOCK: The army was withdrawn to this side of the river, because I felt the position in front could not be carried, and it was a military necessity either to attack or to retire.

THE BANKS' EXPEDITION. The bark Ann, from New Orleans, reports that on the 9th inst., at 6 o'clock A. M., she saw off Saint Augustine, Florida, six large steamships.

FROM PORT ROYAL, S. C.

Portion of Gen. Banks' Expedition in Port. New York, Dec. 17. The steamer Star of the South, from Hilton Head on the 14th inst., arrived at this port this morning.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17. The breadstuf market is quiet - sales of 1,600 bbls. flour at \$6 12 for superfine, and \$7 75 for extra family.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. Flour 5c. better. Wheat firm; Corn firmer; Pork steady; Lard dull; Whisky nominal; Receipts of flour 26,545 bbls.; wheat 39,797 bus; corn 62,824 bus.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17. Flour quiet; Ohio superfine \$6 50; wheat firm and advanced 2 or 3c.; corn steady; Whisky dull and unchanged; Bacon dull; Pork firm, near \$16 25.

WANTED. A GOOD CHAMBERMAID. Apply at the U. S. HOTEL. FIVE DOLLARS REWARD.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given that letters of administration have been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of C. C. Mathews, deceased.

BRANNS' CITY HALL. WE COME GREETING! A Merry Christmas to Our Old Friends. Wednesday and Thursday Evenings, DECEMBER 24th and 25th.

THE ALLEGHANIANS SWISS BELL RINGERS. LAUREL returned from a four years' tour around the world, and having since his return, given SIXTY-TWO SUCCESSFUL CONCERTS in the city of New York.

MISS HARRIET KAUFFMAN & CO. WINTER OPENING, THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 1862. 67 First Millinery Store below Harrisburg d16-3t

MINCE MEAT. A SUPERIOR article just received, and for sale by WM. DOCK, JR., & CO. SWEET CIDER!!! VERY SUPERFINE ARTICLE, just received. WM. DOCK, JR., & CO.

UNION VILLAGE. VINES of this Monier among Native American Hardy Grape, for sale at the Keystone Nursery. The clusters frequently weigh a pound and a half, and the berries are larger than the Celebrated Black Hamburg.

PECAN NUT TREES. A Superior article just received, and for sale by WM. DOCK, JR., & CO. KEELER'S DRUG STORE is the place to buy Patent Medicines.

New Advertisements.

AN ORDINANCE relative to Vaults and Areas, and for other purposes. Section 1. That no person shall construct or cause to be constructed any vault or area in any of the streets, shall make application to the clerk of Council, giving a description of the premises, and on their paying the sum of twenty five cents to the city treasurer, the clerk shall grant them a permit to construct said vault or area.

Section 2. That all vaults shall be completed and the ground closed over them, and all areas shall be completed and railed in or enclosed within three weeks after they shall be commenced, under the penalty of five dollars for every day thereafter, during the time which the said vault shall remain open or the said area be unenclosed, to be recovered from the owner or builder of the same, unless the Mayor shall, for sufficient reasons, extend the time for the completion of the same, which he is hereby authorized to do.

Section 3. That no area in front of any building in the streets of the city shall extend more than four feet four inches, measured from the inner wall of such area to the building, nor shall the railing of such area be placed more than six inches from the inside of the coping on the wall of such area; and no vault shall extend to a greater distance than to the line of the curb from the building in any street, lane or alley, so as to have the extreme line of the foundation of the vault on or under the line of the curb, under the penalty of ten dollars, to be recovered from the owner or builder thereof.

Section 4. That every area shall be enclosed with railing at least three feet and a half high from the pavement, in the case of the coping of the wall, with gates constructed to open inward, under the penalty of twenty dollars for each offence, to be recovered from the owner or builder thereof.

Section 5. That every description of opening below the surface of the pavement in front of any shop, store, house or other building, except cellar doorways and cellar steps, if covered, shall be held to be a vault, and it open, to be an area, within the meaning of this ordinance.

Section 6. That all entrances to the cellar or basement of any store or dwelling, or any other building, in any street, lane or alley of the city, which have steps descending below the pavement or sidewalk, shall be covered, when not in actual use, with good and sufficient iron or wooden doors or gates on or above the level of the sidewalk, or be enclosed with good and sufficient wood or iron railing of a height sufficient to prevent danger to the lives or limbs of persons who may be passing along said street, lane or alley; and any person violating this section shall pay a fine of ten dollars for each and every offence, and a further fine of five dollars for every ten days such entrance shall remain without such door or railing after the first conviction.

Section 7. That all cellar doors shall have the cheeks thereof constructed so that they shall not have a greater descent of grade than one inch and a half to twelve inches in length, extending from the house or building; and if any person shall refuse to conform to this ordinance here-with, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars, and one dollar for every day thereafter, until the aforesaid regulation shall be conformed to.

Section 8. That it shall be the duty of the clerk of the Council to give information to the Mayor whenever a permit is granted for the construction of a vault or area in any of the streets of the city.

Section 9. That all vaults shall be constructed of stone or brick, and arched over with the same material, in a good and substantial manner, under a penalty of twenty dollars for a violation of this provision, and the tax on the vault of twenty dollars during each and every month, until the same shall be constructed according to the provisions of this ordinance, to be paid by the person or persons who may cause or direct the same to be constructed.

Section 10. That the apertures or vaults under the pavements or footways shall be constructed at the extreme wall of the vault next to the line of the curb of said pavement, and the iron grates or other material which shall be used to cover the apertures shall not exceed two feet in diameter, and shall be placed on a level with the surface of the pavement, so as not to create any obstruction in the use of the said pavements or footways, and shall be constructed so as to be fastened on the inside securely, to prevent their being removed by evil design or accident; and if any vault shall be constructed of a less extent than to the line of the curb, and the aperture to be the same shall be placed in or near the middle of the pavement or footway, the grate or other material used to cover the said aperture shall be sunk not less than three inches below the surface of said pavement or footway, and shall be securely covered by a wooden or stone frame, which shall be even with the said footway or pavement, and firmly fastened to the grate, secured as aforesaid; and if any owner or occupier of property shall hereafter cause or permit any grate to be placed upon the footway or pavement, or attach to his or her premises, not constructed conformably to the provisions of this section, he, she or they shall incur a penalty of ten dollars, and one dollar for each day it shall remain after notice given by the proper officer to alter, change or remove the same.

Section 11. That the owner or occupier of any house or lot before which any vault or opening for cellar doors, areas or steps is being constructed, shall fence off the pavement on the right and left of the improvement, and during the whole of every night whilst such vault or opening is uncovered or unenclosed, cause a lighted lamp or lantern to be placed in some convenient spot, so as to cast its light upon such vault or opening, under the penalty of five dollars for each and every night, or part of a night, during which such lamp or lantern shall be neglected to be placed, kept or lighted as aforesaid.

Section 12. That no person shall remove or cause to be removed any grate or covering to the opening or aperture of any vault in any of the streets of the city, without enclosing such aperture during the time such grate or covering is removed, with a strong box or curb at least twelve inches high, and firmly securing the same, under a penalty of ten dollars for each and every neglect.

Section 13. That any person or persons who may contemplate the erection of a building or building on any of the streets, lanes or alleys of the city, to be constructed of brick or stone, shall, after the said buildings are raised the height of one story, fence off the front of said buildings the width of the pavement, or cover the said pavement with a good and substantial roof the whole length of the buildings which are in progress of erection, of sufficient height to allow pedestrians to pass under the same.

W. O. HICKOK, President of the Common Council. Attest: DAVID HARRIS, Clerk. Approved Dec. 13, 1862. WM. H. KEPNER, Mayor.